

REMARKS

The present Continuation Application includes claims 1-4 which are based on claims 19, 21, 22 and 26 in the parent application with claim 19 being amended to include claim 20. These claims were rejected in the final rejection of August 11, 2003 in the parent application. These claims were cancelled in order to obtain the allowance of the parent application and are now presented for further consideration.

In the previous rejection, claims 19 and 26 were rejected as being anticipated by Johnson (U.S. Patent 5,772,279). Claims 21 and 22 were rejected as being obvious over Johnson in view of Meeker (U.S. Patent 4,634,177). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner cites the Johnson reference to show a child seat and stroller which may be connected. The Examiner indicates that the supports 151, 152, form armrests having projections 170, 172. The Examiner admits that this reference does not teach the locking device as claimed.

The Examiner relies on Meeker to show a locking device for locking a child seat to a base including a locking projection 50, which is actuated by rotating the carrying handles. The Examiner feels that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in

the art to modify the locking device of Johnson by providing the projection arrangement of Meeker.

Applicants submit that claim 1 as amended, is not obvious over this combination of references. Claim 1 now describes a baby carriage having a combination of elements including a baby carriage body with a pair of armrests, a child car seat installed on the baby carriage body, projections on the armrests, the car seat having a car seat body and locking devices which may engage the projections, where the locking device includes a locking member which turns and engages the projection to lock the car seat body in place and where each locking device engages an upper surface and an outer side surface of the armrests. Applicants submit that the references do not show this combination of elements.

First, the Examiner relies on structural elements 151 and 152 to be the equivalent of the claimed armrests. Applicants submit that these elements are not armrests in any sense of the word and merely having a structural element in a similar location is not the equivalent of the claimed armrests. Further, Applicants submit that the references do not show the feature of the locking devices engaged on the upper surfaces and outer side surfaces of the armrests. Instead, the locking devices of Johnson only come into contact with the projections, but do not rest on the armrests themselves. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the combination of elements now described in claim 1 would not be obvious over these

two references or their combination. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 1 defines thereover. Claims 2, 3 and 4 depend from claim 1 and as such are also considered to be allowable. In addition, each of these claims refer to other features of the baby carriage. Accordingly, these claims are additionally allowable.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that claims 1-4 are now allowable in view of the amendments and remarks which are presently submitted.

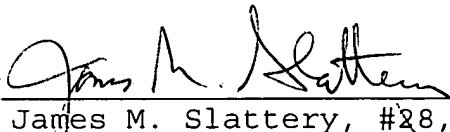
Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert F. Gnuse (Reg. No. 27,295) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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